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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th H Street, SW, Portals Washington, DC 20554

> Re: <u>Joint Application by Verizon for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA</u> Services in State of Virginia, Docket No. 02-214

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Per the request of the Wireline Competition Bureau staff, Verizon is providing the attached letter from the Virginia Corporation Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions. The twenty-page limit does not apply as set forth in DA 02-1857.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: U. Onyeije

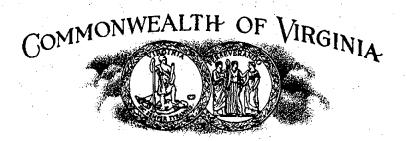
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August 1, 2002

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20024

Re: In the Matter of Verizon Virginia, Inc., to verify compliance with the conditions

set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Virginia Commission") understands that Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") will soon file an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for authority to provide in-region interLATA telecommunications services in Virginia. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 271(d)(2)(B), the Virginia Commission may consult with the FCC on this matter. It also is our understanding, based on discussions with FCC Staff, that the FCC prefers state commissions, such as the Virginia Commission, to develop its consultative report prior to or coincident with the FCC receiving such applications.

On July 12, 2002, in Virginia Commission Case No. PUC-2002-00046, Hearing Examiner Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr., issued a thorough Report on this matter. The Report, which is enclosed with this letter, concludes that Verizon Virginia currently complies with each of the fourteen Checklist Items listed in 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(2)(B) and has met its 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A) obligation to enter into interconnection agreements with competitive local exchange carriers.

We believe the report accurately and fully describes competition for local exchange services as it exists within the Commonwealth. The Examiner's conclusion that Verizon Virginia complies with the competitive checklist rests upon the results of KPMG's Virginia test and Verizon Virginia's actual commercial performance as evaluated pursuant to the FCC's precedent established in prior § 271 proceedings. Further, following recent

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FCC decisions, the Examiner applied a high threshold for dealing with specific competitive local exchange carrier complaints, which may be addressed in separate complaint or arbitration proceedings. We ask that you read the full report and consider all of its recommendations and findings.

Sincerely

Clinton Miller, Chairman

Virginia State Corporation Commission

Theodore V. Morrison, Jr., Commissioner Virginia State Corporation Commission

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cc: Service List in Virginia Commission Case No. PUC-2002-00046 (w/o enclosure)